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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for Planning and Coordination

SUBJECT : Wartime Mission of CIA

REFERENCE : DCI Memorandum dated 2 June 1955, subject as above

1. The referenced memorandum directs the DDI, among others, to submit a progress report on war planning within CIA. We are directed further to exert sufficient effort to prepare for the accomplishment of the wartime mission of CIA. A search of the files, however, fails to reveal any statement of the wartime mission. It is true that a so-called "fourth force" agreement has been made between CIA and the Department of Defense for the conduct of unconventional warfare. However, no inter-agency agreements have been made concerning the production of national intelligence during wartime. Furthermore, no agreements have been made with regard to the "services of common concern" with which the DDI is charged by appropriate NSCID's. Until such time as a policy decision is made as to the wartime mission of CIA, any attempts to draft such agreements would be academic exercises at best. A definition of the role of CIA vis-a-vis the NSC, IAC, and JCS in wartime is sorely needed before any meaningful planning can be carried out.

2. War planning for the operation of the DDI Offices in wartime is progressing on the assumption that all present "services of common concern" will continue, and that the basic NIE mechanism will remain in operation. I am enclosing a copy of the current draft of the over-all DDI plan. You will note that the detailed plans of the Offices are due on 15 October 1955. After careful review of the Office plans and the final drafting of the total DDI plan, a continuous review will be maintained so that with new or changing responsibilities, the DDI plan can be appropriately adjusted.

3. Preparation for wartime operation by the DDI area is being absorbed in the present budget so that no additional funds or personnel are required at this time. Our present thinking calls for an increase of approximately [REDACTED]

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4. The next status report will be made on 1 January 1956 in accord with paragraph 4 of the referenced memorandum.

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